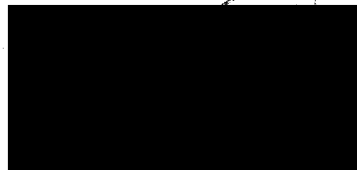


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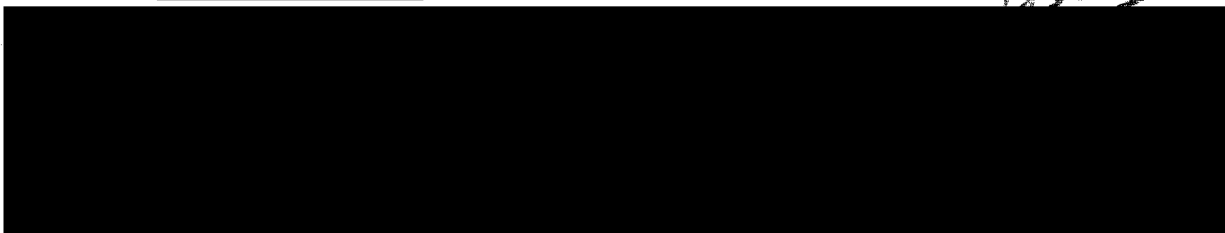


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1. Commandant Matter, former political secretary of Hottier de Boislandier, Military Governor of the Rhinish Palatinate, was suddenly granted a leave of absence in Koblenz at the end of June 1947.
2. Up until the time this leave was granted, Matter had enjoyed the complete confidence of the Governor and had conducted all important negotiations between the French Military Government and German political parties in the Rhinish Palatinate. Matter has now been arrested, however, and is in prison. The reason for his arrest and the place where he is imprisoned are unknown.

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